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1. ON OCTOBER 2, WE DISCUSSED THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE JOINT EC-US DECLARATION IN SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS WITH OLIVER WRIGHT, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF ECONOMIC AND EC MATTERS AT THE FCO AND WHO REPRESENTS THE UK ON THE EC POLITICAL COMMITTEE, AND WITH WILLIAM MARSDEN, AN FCO OFFICIAL WHO ACCOMPANIED WRIGHT TO NEW YORK LAST WEEK.

2. WRIGHT SAID THAT THE UK IS PLEASED WITH THE PROGRESS THAT WAS MADE LAST WEEK. HE SAID THAT THE SECRETARY'S POSITIVE REMARKS ABOUT EC-US RELATIONS AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE OF SEPTEMBER 26 WERE VERY HELPFUL IN ESTABLISHING A CONSTRUCTIVE ATMOSPHERE FOR THE SEPTEMBER 29 MEETING BETWEEN THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS AND
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL. AS WRIGHT PUT IT, "THINGS

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ARE NOW FALLING INTO PLACE."

3. MARSDEN SAID THAT THE US AMENDMENTS TO THE EC DRAFT DECLARATION HAVE ALREADY BEEN FORWARDED TO THE EC PERMREPS. AN AD HOC COMMITTEE OF PERMREP DELEGATION OFFICIALS WILL PREPARE PRELIMINARY COMMENTS, WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS IN TIME FOR THEIR MEETING IN COPENHAGEN OF OCTOBER 11-12. MARSDEN EXPECTS THAT THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS' MEETING WILL BE A DIFFICULT ONE SINCE THE AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE US HAVE RAISED A NUMBER OF "RED FLAGS" FOR THE FRENCH INCLUDING THE LINK BETWEEN ECONOMIC AND SECURITY ISSUES, AND THE POSSIBLE INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF THE EC-US DIALOGUE. MARSEN IS CONFIDENT, HOWEVER, THAT THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS WILL BE ABLE TO AGREE ON A COMMON LINE IN TIME FOR THEIR MEETING WITH STOESSEL ON OCTOBER 18. ANNENBERG UNQUOTE RUSH

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